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Comments:

This will provide a summary of concerns regarding the proposed logging in the Snowy Range and Sierra Madre areas. The concerns include:

- Clear cutting of 95,000 acres. Clear cutting should be avoided in any areas where it is being considered. Climate change makes it hard to reforest;
- 600 miles of temporary roads - Many of these areas are sensitive or unique, including:
 - Sheep Mountain National Game Refuge - No roads should be built on this refuge.
 - Road building, where necessary, should be built in small increments (e.g., 25 miles) and only after study on their impacts. No roads or logging should be conducted on inventoried roadless areas.
 - All areas being considered should go through a comprehensive economic analysis to determine the relative values of logging versus other economic activity. As we know, tourism has become the second largest economic engine in the state.

Please take these comments under consideration when you issue your management decisions.

Sincerely,

David Sollitt